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COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

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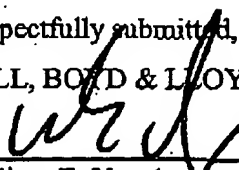
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In the Office Action dated February 2, 2004, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement upon Applicant pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121. The Examiner thereby requested that Applicant elect either Group I, Claims 1-7, 10-14, 17-28, drawn to a system/device for managing settlement or Group II, Claims 8, 9, 15 and 16, drawn to a device/program for updating value information including encrypting value update information for continued prosecution in this application.

In accordance with the Examiner's request, the election of Group I, (Claims 1-7, 10-14, 17-28), with traverse, is hereby confirmed whereby reconsideration is respectfully requested for non-elected claims 8, 9, 15 and 16.

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